

Remarks/Arguments

In the Notice of Allowability that was attached to the Notice of Allowance dated June 3, 2004, an Abstract was added by Examiner's Amendment.

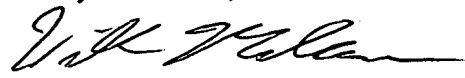
Applicant's file copy of the present patent application shows that the above-identified patent application already had an Abstract. In addition, the PCT application from which the present application is derived (i.e., the present application is a 371 of PCT/US99/11072) also has the same Abstract as applicant's file copy of the present application. Apparently, the Abstract in the originally filed U.S. national stage application, which was page 28 of the application, was separated from the remainder of the application at the USPTO. Accordingly, to bring the Abstract for the present application back into conformance with applicant's file copy of the application and the aforementioned PCT application, applicant's have amended the application to replace the Abstract added by Examiner's Amendment with the original Abstract. This Abstract is attached to this paper as a new page 28.

No new matter has been introduced into the present application by the addition of the attached Abstract, which is identical to the Abstract originally filed with the present application and identical to the abstract of the aforementioned PCT application.

Applicant believes that no fee is due with this paper. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 04289-00120-USCON from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Enclosure: New page 28 – Replacement Abstract

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